

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): ~ 16 / 17 January 2021

### THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GORDON

St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank

The Gordon Parish is a supervised, community-led parish ~ Parish Leadership Team: Sue Daly, Lin Bowers, Joan Bourke, Shane Carey, Aileen Toohey, Marie Shanahan, Brendan Maher, Dan Toohey, Gabrielle Driscoll and Tim Delaney

Supervising Priest: Fr Ed Moloney Visiting Priest: Fr Sajan Mathew

Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5368 9280 or 0492 903 409

✉ gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals and Maintenance: contact Parish Secretary ~ Safeguarding Officer: Lin Bowers

PARISH VISION: That all parishioners and visitors are welcomed as family and nourished as the Body of Christ

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| Parish Schools | St. Brigid's Primary School<br>St. Patrick's Primary School | Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll<br>Principal: Mr Tim Delaney | ☎ 5368 1015<br>☎ 5368 9495 | <a href="http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au">www.sballan.catholic.edu.au</a><br><a href="http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au">www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au</a> |
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#### Collections last weekend

Thanks to all who give generously to each of these collections:

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| Loose          | Presbytery: \$508.65                | Parish: \$403 |
| Planned Giving | Envelopes 2020/21: \$24,111 to date |               |
| Christmas Dues | \$70                                |               |

We are now all aware of the current restrictions in place for religious gatherings. Attendees will still be required **to register on entering the Church.**

Please note also that there are QR Codes in our three churches to enable you to scan your mobile phone to register.

#### Bank Details for Weekly Collections at Mass:

If you would like to make a deposit directly into our Bank account for the weekly loose collection at Mass, our details are as follows:

Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000  
A/c No: 1602 757 98.

Don't forget to include your name.

### ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ BUNGAREE

St Peter's, Clarkes Hill ~ St Brendan's, Dunnstown ~ St Michael's, Bungaree

Parish Administrator: Fr Sajan Mathew ~ ☎ 5334 0450 ~ C/- Post Office, Bungaree Vic 3352

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| Parish Schools | St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill<br>St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown | Principal: Inez French<br>Principal: Inez French | ☎ 5334 5280<br>☎ 5334 7604 | <a href="http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au">www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au</a><br><a href="http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au">www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au</a> |
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#### Collections last weekend:

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| Presbytery: | \$320.00 | Parish: \$525.00        |
|             |          | Christmas Dues \$250.00 |

#### Victorian Child Safe Standards

These new standards apply to all organisations that provide services for children. Our parish's Child Safety Policy and Child Safety Code of Conduct are available on the parish webpage of the diocesan website: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (follow parish links.) Parish Safeguarding Officer: Leah Hanrahan.

#### Sacramental Program

Dear Parishioners,  
Due to the ongoing uncertainty and COVID restrictions, it has been decided by Fr Sajan and the Sacramental Team that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be postponed in 2020. Therefore, new dates for all Sacraments will be planned for similar times in 2021 and all children eligible for the programs will be able to participate.

THE Bungaree Parish offers a Family Based Sacramental Program which is led by the Sacramental Team and supported by the Parish schools, St Mary's Clarkes Hill and St Brendan's Dunnstown. The Sacraments and Eucharist are offered for Children in Year 3 and above. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered for children in Year 2 and above.

Therefore, 2021 will look slightly different as there will be multiple age groups participating and we will make adjustments to the programs as necessary

If there is anyone in the Parish Community who would like to join the Sacramental Team or know more information, Please contact the Parish Office on 5334 0450 or email [bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or to Sue Prendergast: [sprendergast@sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sprendergast@sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

|                       | READER/INTERCESSIONS  | Please Note                                       |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| 16 / 17 January       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B) 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19 | 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20 Jn 1: 35-42                  |
| Dunnstown – 6.30pm    | As requested  | Until we can resume our normal weekend Mass       |
| Gordon – 8.45am       | As requested  | Timetable, we will call upon volunteers to assist |
| Ballan – 10.30am      | As requested  | with reading the Scriptures and Prayers           |
| 23 / 24 January       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B) Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 | 1 Cor 7: 29-31 Mk 1: 14-20                        |
| Clarkes Hill – 6.30pm | As requested  | of Intercession.                                  |
| Gordon – 8.45am       | As requested  |   |
| Ballan – 10.30am      | As requested  |   |
| 30 / 31 January       | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B) Deut 18: 15-20   | 1 Cor 7: 32-35 Mk 1: 21-28                        |
| Springbank – 6.30pm   | As requested  |   |
| Bungaree – 8.45am     | As requested  |   |
| Ballan – 10.30am      | As requested  |   |

### **Recent Deaths:**

Rev Fr John Macmillan, Beverley Hicks, Helen Charleson

### **Anniversaries**

Shane Everard, Catherine Maher, Jim Crough, John McDermott, John Parkin, Lex Walsh, Henry Parkin, Josie Ryan, William Greaves, Sam Borg, Kevin Mullane, Mabel Canty, Rosina Gerada, John Grabovic, Barry Conroy, Catherine Maher, Lyndsay Daly, James Quinlan.

### **We offer our prayerful support for the sick**

Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Alice Gardiner, Stan Mahar, Lore Winter, Noel Craven, Christine Hall, John Ryan, Thelma Keating, Lyla Geary and Anne Micallef.

### **Baptisms:**

Congratulations to Thomas Plageman (son of Robert & Hayley) and to Noah Dalton (son of Daniel & Aliesha) who are being baptised this weekend at St Brigid's and to Willow Haase (daughter of Ashley & Rachel) who is also being baptised at St Patrick's this weekend. We welcome Thomas, Noah and Willow into our faith community and assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

### **How to get the Parish Newsletter**

- Bungaree and Gordon Parish links of the Diocese website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)
- Emailed copies at [Bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:Bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or [gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au)
- Tubs outside churches.
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### **New Diocesan Website**

The new diocesan website is now live at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

### **Christmas Offerings**

Along with Easter Offerings (and donations at the time of baptisms, weddings and funerals), Christmas Offerings make an important contribution to the funds from which clergy salary and living expenses are paid. Additional envelopes are available at Church door. Thank you to generous offerings so far received from both parishes.

### **e-News**

The Diocesan e-News is the online newsletter of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat. It is supported by the print publication "Our Diocesan Community" and the Diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### **Plenary Council Update**

In light of the ongoing uncertainty around future COVID-19 restrictions regarding travel and public gatherings, especially social distancing, a decision has been taken for the first Plenary Council assembly to take place using a combination of online

and in-person delivery. Read more at the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/first-plenary-council-assembly-mixes-in-person-online-format/>

**2021 Columban Calendars** are now on sale at each Church centre for \$7.

**Discernment Papers:** The six discernment papers have been released and are available to read at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/read>

### **Year of St Joseph:**

Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde (With a Father's Heart)*, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St Joseph", running from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

***"Remember O Most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph that no one ever had recourse to your protection or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you.***

***Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them, Amen"***

### **Advance Notice – dates for 2021:**

Rite of Election: Saturday, February 20, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 12.30pm. Mass of the Oils: Monday, March 29 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm.

### **Accommodation Wanted:**

A young man is seeking either shared accommodation or reasonably priced rental unit in the Ballarat area. If you can assist, please call Matthew Malone on 0499 850 369 for more information.

### **BETWEEN TWO MOUNTAINS - DUNNSTOWN HISTORY BOOK**

Official book launch to be held 2pm at the Dunnstown Recreation Reserve on Sunday 17th January. Sausage sizzle & refreshments available from 12.30pm. Books available for purchase & collection of pre-paid books.

***\*\*Please note the Pastoral Ministry Office is closed until January 18, 2021 for annual holidays\*\****

Could all items for the newsletter please be forwarded via email if possible to the Parish Office no later than Wednesday, by 2pm. [gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or [Bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:Bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au) Thank you.



have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 1: 41, 17

Alleluia, alleluia! / We have found the Messiah: / Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 1: 35-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.*

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi — which means Teacher — 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' — which means the Christ — and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' — meaning Rock.'

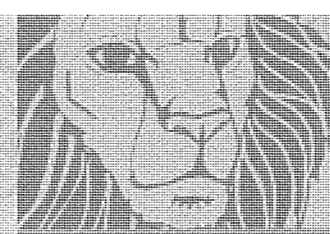
■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

17 JANUARY 2021

## OUR NEED FOR OTHERS

The readings for today reflect the dynamic nature of the life of faith. It is only gradually that we learn who we are called to be. In this process of growth in understanding, others can help us to appreciate how God is working in our lives and how we are to respond.

While Samuel hears the call and responds to it three times, he needs the help of Eli to recognise the meaning of the voice that comes to him in the night. It is John the Baptist who helps Andrew to come to faith by pointing him in the right direction. For his part Peter receives the new name Cephas and the call to follow, but it is his brother Andrew who has brought him to Jesus and shared his understanding that Jesus is the Messiah.

The gradual process of learning who we are as Christians is reflected in Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Some people in Corinth had come to believe that because they had been baptised, and now shared in the life of the resurrection, whatever they did was acceptable. They even saw casual sex with prostitutes as no impediment to life in the Spirit. While such an attitude may surprise us we need to appreciate that these early Christians, like Paul himself, were learning as they went. As a trustworthy guide Paul sets out to counteract this view by reminding them that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and that their manner of life should reflect this.

FIRST READING 1 Sam 3: 3-10, 19

A reading from the first book of Samuel

*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.*

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening".' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.'

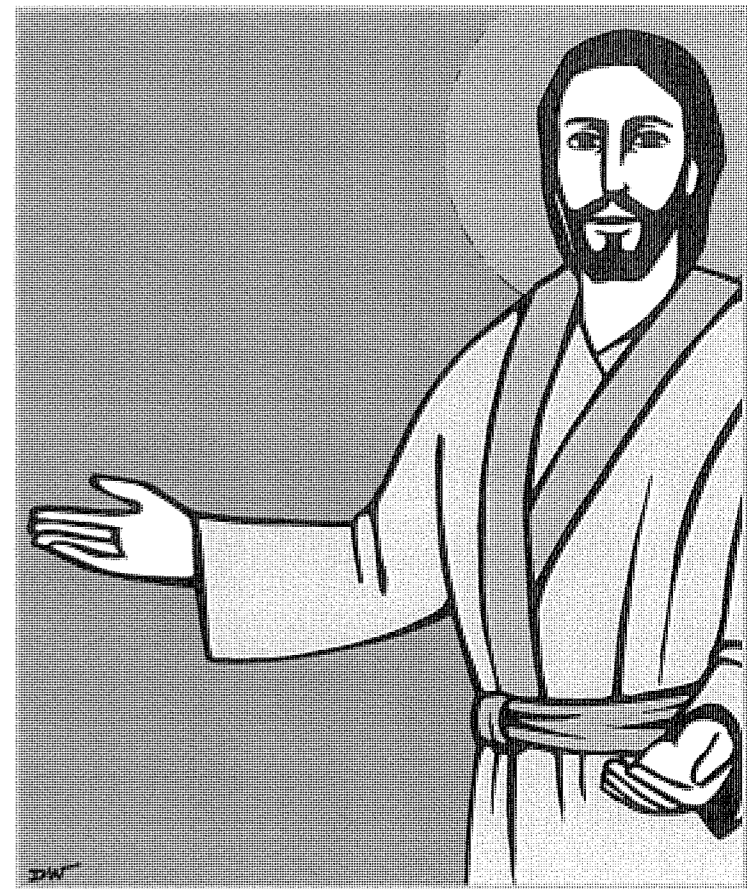
■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PS Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9  
R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord / and he stooped down to me; / he heard my cry. / He put a new song into my mouth, / praise of our God. R.

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, / but an open ear. / You do not ask for holocaust and victim. / Instead, here am I. R.

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written / that I should do your will. / My God, I delight in your law / in the depth of my heart. R.



4. Your justice I have proclaimed / in the great assembly. / My lips I have not sealed; / you know it, O Lord. R.

SECOND READING 1 Cor 6: 13-15, 17-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.*

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you

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